

LITTLE CLACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr D Land

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY,
2nd March 2020 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairperson: J Cutting

Councillors: P De Vaux Balbirnie, M Balbirnie, D Botterell, L Gray, J Taylor, B Ward, D Hull, J Smith Daye

District Councillor: Apologies received

Essex County Councillor: not in attendance

6 members of the public were in attendance

2 neighbourhood watch reps

1 Special Constable

03/2020 – 01 | Welcome from the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed people to the meeting and introduced Dave Sexton (secretary for Neighbourhood Watch)

03/2020 – 02 | Neighbourhood Watch

Tendring Neighbourhood watch who gave a short talk on the scheme)

ACTION: To assess the desire within the community to setup street coordinators via social media.

03/2020 – 03 | Public Forum - Members of Public

MOP mentioned that the light on the corner of Betts Green Road is out.

MOP mentioned the lights and other issues within the village. Cllr Bray mentioned he had lobbied ECC to see if they can address the lights.

MOP mentioned the grass verges are in a poor condition in Harwich Road

MOP mentioned about the planning application on the Street

MOP mentioned about an article in the local paper – campaign group to stop over development in rural areas, can we support?

ACTION: Speak with A&J over recent repair that has not appeared to have worked on Betts Green Road.

03/2020 – 04 | Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received this month from Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Jeffries and Cllr Rowland

03/2020 – 05 | To agree the minutes of the council meeting held 3rd February 2020

RESOLVED: The minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Botterell, seconded by Cllr P Balbirnie, all in favour.

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03/2020 – 06 | Clerk's Report

The clerk gave a verbal update on local matters including lighting, roadworks and other matters of interest.

03/2020 – 07 | Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave an update on safety, security, bookings, maintenance and access. He attended the planning enquiry for Thorpe Road and felt we were given a fair hearing and now it lays in the hands of the inspector.

The highways devolution money has been virtually spent. Chairman intends to order some bollards for use in the village.

03/2020 – 08 | Crime and Prevention

Cllr Hull reported on crime figures.

03/2020 – 09 | Working Party Reports

Maintenance and Services

Bollards outside McColls, established that it was a delivery driver for the shop who caused the damage. **RESOLVED:** to remove the bollards rather than replace them outside the shop area.

Cllr Hull **proposed** that Essex County Council be contacted in relation to the lack of contact from Cllr Erskine over the past few months, concerning the ongoing issues. All Cllrs in Favour.

Footpaths

Councillor Gray said all ok, Report received from Cllr Jeffries.

Streetlights

Cllr Mitchell sent a report

Highways/Devolution

No report

03/2020 – 11 | Planning and Development

Councillor J Taylor read out the comments made by the Planning Group on the applications listed below.

RESOLVED: that the recommendations from the Planning Group be adopted and an extension be asked for 20/00042/FUL Proposed Cllr J S Daye seconded Cllr Ward – all in favour.

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Applications:

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| 20/00106/TPO - Church of St James The Street, CO16 9RR | T2 London Plane - Reduce by 30%. Trees T2 - T6 - Reduce crowns. G2 - Crown lift and remove dead wood | Recommend Approval |
| 20/00042/FUL - Crack-stakes Farm Tan Lane Little Clacton Essex CO16 9PS | Variation to approved planning for one dwelling (19/00860/DETAIL) for change of drawing number to reflect new garage. | Recommend Approval |
| 20/00016/DETAIL – Land at The Street, CO16 9LT | Remaining submission of reserved matters, for 80 dwellings, following outline planning permission on 15/01550/OUT allowed on appeal. (APP/P1560/W/16/3156070 - erection of 98 dwellings). | An extension was sought and comments submitted after the meeting Recommend Refusal |

Determinations:

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| 19/01922/DISCON - Crack-stakes Farm Tan Lane, CO16 9PS | Discharge of conditions 12(storage) and 13(contamination) for application 19/01209/FUL | Approved |
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03/2020 – 10 | Business Group

RESOLVED: that the Council purchase a defibrillator, proposed J S Daye, Seconded D Hull – all in favour

03/2020 – 11 | Internet

Nothing to report

03/2020 – 12 | TDALC

Cllr Botterell reported that no meeting has taken place

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03/2020 – 13 | Little Clacton Playing Field Trust

Cllr J S Daye reported that the land registry has raised concerns over the drawing of the field. Further work needed.

03/2020 - 14 | Village Hall

Cllrs M & P Balbirnie declared an interest.

RESOLVED: that the Village Hall be given a grant of £1000 towards ongoing costs.

Proposed J S Daye Seconded Botterell – all in favour.

Cllr P Balbirnie reported that the football pitch was flooded.

Cllr M Balbirnie reported that the AGM was on the 19th March at the Hall and thanked the council for the grant.

03/2020 – 15 | Millennium Green

Cllr M Balbirnie advised that all the fencing has now been done and a number of flowers are planted and growing. Some of the birdboxes may need replacing. The AGM is 30th March 7.30pm. There are more dogs using the field and some owners are not clearing up after their animals.

ACTION: Add the bin to the Veolia collection scheme (outside the swing gate on Elm Road)

03/2020 – 16 | Strategy for community engagement and future strategy

Ongoing efforts continue

03/2020 – 17 | Tendring District Councillor Report

Cllr Bray reported the local plan is stalled until the inspector presents his findings.

He has lobbied ECC over the lights

Dog signs were presented to the council

Thorpe Road appeal – the council are confident

Planning committee has improved at TDC

03/2020 – 18 | Essex County Councillor Report

No report

03/2020 – 19 | Correspondence

Nothing to report

03/2020 – 20 | Finance and Cheque Authorisation

The up to date balances of Council's funds were noted.

RESOLVED: the month's cheques be signed. Proposed by Cllr Gray Seconded Cllr Taylor –all in

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favour

RESOLVED: that the facility for internet banking be approved by the council. Proposed Cllr Botterell Seconded Cllr J S Daye – all in favour

RESOLVED: that a new payment structure for Tendring Eldercare be adopted, removing the need for additional invoicing. Proposed Cllr Gray Seconded Cllr Taylor – all in favour

03/2020 – 21 | Matters for the next meeting

None

03/2020 – 22 | Items deemed urgent by the Chairman

None

**The next meeting will be held at the Youth and Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday,
6th April 2020**

**Signed Chairman
6th April 2020**